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August 28, 2001

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RE: Station KTVH(TV), Helena, Montana

Request for Refund of Application Fee

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Dear Mr. Monahan:

This is in response to your request for refund of the \$725.00 fee filed in connection with the application submitted by Beartooth Communications Company on August 28, 2000 for minor modification of the facilities of its Station KTVH(TV), Helena, Montana. You assert that Beartooth requested the withdrawal of this application on May 31, 2001. Under these circumstances, you contend that a refund of the January 22, 1999 filing fee is warranted.

We have fully considered all of your contentions. The fee requirement was established by the Schedule of Fees contained in the Omnibus Budget Act of 1989, Pub. L. No. 101-239, 103 Stat. 2106. See Conference Report To Accompany H.R. No. 386, 101st Cong., 1st Sess. 20-28 (1989); reprinted in the Congressional Record of Nov. 21, 1989 at page H9333 (Conference Report). Congress determined that the fees "represent a fair approximation of how the Commission's costs should be distributed." Conference Report at 433.

The Commission's rules do not provide for refund of a filing fee upon withdrawal of the underlying application. Further, the Commission clearly incurred processing costs associated with the application and, moreover, has stated that its "processing costs were but one factor that resulted in the legislated fees." See Establishment of a Fee Collection Program To Implement the Provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Act of 1985, 2 FCC Rcd 947, 949 (1987). In addition, the Commission has explicitly stated that a refund will not be granted once a filing has cleared the fee review process, except in certain circumstances enumerated in Section 1.1113 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1113. In the case of Beartooth, however, Section 1.1113 is inapplicable because Beartooth voluntarily withdrew its application and because it has not made a showing of extraordinary and compelling circumstances warranting a waiver of the filing fee. Therefore, your request is denied.

J. Dominic Monahan 2

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call the Revenue & Receivable Operation Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Reger Chief Financial Officer

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June 21, 2001

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Dear Sir:

This letter is acknowledging receipt of your letter dated June 5, 2001, on behalf of Beartooth Communications Company. Within 30 days of this letter we will mail you either a resolution to your item or a letter telling you when you can expect a resolution.

If you have any questions concerning this letter please call the Office of the Chief Financial Officer at (202) 418-1925.

Sincerely,

Mark Reger

Chief Financial Officer

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RE: Station KTVH(TV), Helena, Montana

Dear Sir or Madam:

On May 31, 2001, Beartooth Communications Company ("Beartooth"), the licensee of Station KTVH(TV), Helena, Montana [Facility No. 5290], requested the withdrawal of its minor modification of its facilities (see BPCT-20000830AJG).

Accordingly, Beartooth respectfully submits this request for a refund of its filing fee in the amount of \$725 which was submitted on August 28, 2001 with that application. Attached hereto is a copy of the FCC Form 159 as filed, together with a copy of a check drawn on the Pioneer Citizens Bank of NV in the amount of \$725, dated August 24, 2000.

An extra copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed, as well as a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. Please confirm your receipt of the filing of this application withdrawal by date stamping the extra copy of this transmittal letter and returning it to the undersigned counsel.

Should additional information be desired concerning this application withdrawal, please contact the undersigned counsel.

BEARTOOTH COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

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cc: Frank Haynes
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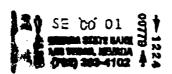
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